
By: **Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request -
Departmental - Natural Resources)**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2004

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wildlife Management Programs - Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to establish by
4 regulation certain fees for certain services; establishing criteria for the
5 establishment of certain fees; authorizing agents of the Department to receive
6 compensation for processing applications or permits; requiring certain funds to
7 be deposited in the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund; and
8 generally related to wildlife-related fees.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Natural Resources
11 Section 10-205.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Natural Resources**

17 10-205.1.

18 (A) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS WHICH ESTABLISH
19 PROCEDURES, PARTICIPANT CRITERIA, AND FEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN OR ACCESS
20 TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE
21 WITH THIS TITLE.

22 (B) THE FEES FOR PROGRAMS OR SERVICES UNDER THIS TITLE MAY NOT
23 EXCEED \$30 OR THE SUM OF THE FOLLOWING, WHATEVER IS LESS:

24 (1) THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS AND ISSUE
25 PERMITS;

26 (2) THE COST TO PROVIDE THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY TO THE
27 PUBLIC; AND

1 (3) THE COST TO MANAGE THE SPECIES OR RESOURCE.

2 (C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY DESIGNATE PERSONS TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS
3 OR PERMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AND ALLOW THE PERSONS TO
4 RETAIN UP TO 5% OF THE APPLICATION OR PERMIT FEE AS COMPENSATION.

5 (D) FUNDS COLLECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL BE
6 DEPOSITED IN THE STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION FUND.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2004.